

January 3, 2019

Tim Sullivan, CEO
New Jersey Economic Development Authority
16 W. State Street
Trenton, NJ

Dear Tim:

It is with a mixture of regret and relief that I submit my resignation as Vice President of Policy, Planning and Research. I feel very fortunate that I had this opportunity to serve the residents of New Jersey and be a part of such a smart and dedicated team here at the Economic Development Authority. I am very proud of what we accomplished over the last year. I know there is so much more work to be done.

Unfortunately, since the fall, I have experienced a certain level of retaliation from members of the administration that is keeping me from doing my job effectively, including exclusions from meetings and being prevented from working on projects that I had been assigned to earlier this year. That discrimination and hostility, and the lack of support here, have been frustrating and draining, and I have chosen to leave my position to protect my health and happiness. As corny as it sounds, I came into this administration aspiring to make the world a better place and feel I can do that somewhere else much more productively and without the unnecessary stress and strain.

I hope the EDA team will have great success in implementing the state economic strategy that we developed this year. I propose to stay through the end of January to work with my department and others here to ensure a smooth transition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allison Kopicki". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

Allison Kopicki